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THE REPLY FILED 7/19/04 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
 - (a) they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: -

3. Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. The a) affidavit, b) exhibit, or c) request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____.
6. The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-26.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) approved or b) disapproved by the Examiner.

9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. Other: _____

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Continuation of 2. NOTE:

The Applicant amended independent claim 1 to include the following limitations:

- monitoring and storing the stimulation pulses delivered "at a high-energy output setting",
- "wherein at least one of the plurality of stimulation output settings of the primary stimulation pulses is at the high-energy output setting", and
- "wherein the step of comparing the stored number of backup stimulation pulses to the stored number of primary stimulation pulses comprises selectively comparing the number of backup stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting with the number of primary stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting".

The Applicant amended claim 11 to include the following limitations:

- selectively generating backup stimulation pulses "at a high-energy output setting" and primary stimulation pulses "at a plurality of stimulation output settings",
- "wherein at least one of the plurality of stimulation output settings of the primary stimulation pulses is at the high-energy output setting",
- a memory that stores the number of backup stimulation pulses "at the high-energy output setting", and
- "wherein the controller is operative to selectively compare the number of backup stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting with the number of primary stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting".

The Applicant amended independent claim 19 to include the following limitations:

- means for storing and means for incrementing the backup stimulation pulses delivered "at a high-energy output setting",
- "wherein at least one of the plurality of stimulation output settings of the primary stimulation pulses is at the high-energy output setting", and
- "wherein the means for comparing the stored number of backup stimulation pulses to the stored number of primary stimulation pulses comprises selectively comparing the number of backup stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting with the number of primary stimulation pulses delivered at the high-energy output setting".

These amendments require further search and consideration.